E 99008975 Client Ref ials Group Art Un 1755 Inventor(s): [Mangold et al. Group, Karl E Examiner: Appln. No.: 09 632,208 Atty. Dkt. 271764 Series Code ↑ Serial No М# Filed: August 3, 2000 Appln. Title: Sintered materials Hon. Commissioner of Patents AU6 0 1 2002 Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: REPLY/AMENDMENTAL #5379 Date: August 1, 2002 This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED 1. Small Entity claim For B & C Large/Small Entity Additional NOT made Highest number Present Extra Fee Code See Required ─ Withdrawn remaining after previously paid for Fee Separate Paper made herewith amendment Lg/Sm (Pat-256) D. made previously x \$18/\$9 =103/203 2. Total Effective Claims 16 **minus 22 0 + \$0 102/202 3. Independent Claims ***minus 3 x \$84/\$42 =+ \$0 4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first + \$280/\$140 = time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add 104/204 Some was proportioned in the state of the st 5. Original due Date: August 24, 2002 NONE 200 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due (1 mo) \$110/\$55 = 115/215 116/216 date to cover the date this response is filed for which the \$400/\$200 = + \$0 (2 mos) 117/217 requisite fee is attached (3 mos) \$920/\$460 = 118/218 \$1,440/\$720= (4 mos) 128/228 (5 mos) \$1,960/\$980= 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract - \$0 **Extension Fee** + \$0 148/248 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee + \$110/\$55 + \$0 126 + \$180 + \$0 126 or if Rule 97(d) Requestadd + \$180 + \$0 146/246 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) + \$740/370 149/249 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... x \$740/370 ea + \$0 1179/1279 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) + \$740/370 + \$0 14. Petition fee for + \$0 15. **TOTAL FEE =** \$0 16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0". PLEASE CHARGE 17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space. **OUR DEP. ACCT** 18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space. Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) 271764 (Our Order No. 21123 CH. NRGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is Query: Is appeal deadline now? If filed. so, file Notice of Appeals separately. Pillsbury Winthrop LLP Intellectual Property Group 1630 Tysons Boulevard By Atty: Richard A. Steinberg Mcl.ean, VA 22102 Tei: (703) 905-2000 Sig: (703) 905-2500 Fax: (703) 905-2039 Atty/Sec: RAS/AMX NOTE: File this cover sheet in duplicate with PTO receipt (PAT-103A) and attachments

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

- 1. (Amended) A sintered material, produced by means of a forming or compacting process, optionally a subsequent cleaning step and a subsequent sintering process, comprising as a pre-sintering composition:
- a) pyrogenically produced silicon dioxide which has been compacted to granulates having a tamped density of from 150 g/l to 800 g/l, a granulate particle size of from 10 to 800 μ m and a BET surface area of from 10 to 500 m²/g, or
- b) pyrogenically produced silicon dioxide having the following physicochemical data:

mean particle diameter: from 25 to 120 μm,

BET surface area: from 40 to 400 m²/g,

pore volume: from 0.5 to 2.5 ml/g,

